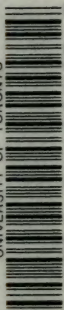


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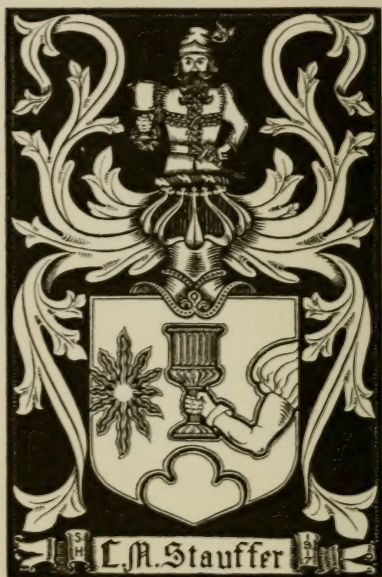


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**THE GENEALOGY  
AND HISTORICAL SKETCH  
OF THE  
STOUFFER FAMILY**

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## Introduction

**T**HE following historical sketch, taken from the histories, gives the origin and meaning of the name, as well as the important positions occupied by some of the early bearers of the name.

While the direct genealogy of persons bearing the family name is lost for a considerable length of time, there is no doubt that the family and name survived, and there is also strong reason to presume that the modern Stauffer or Stouffer are direct descendants of those early Stauffers who attained Imperial dignity. The genealogy can be taken up in 1630, from which date our family record can be positively traced.

"Hohenstauffen," meaning Grand Cup Bearer, was originated in the year A.D. 937. It was a hereditary office, established by Emperor Otto the Great, given to the Duke of Swabia for the honor he did the Emperor in filling the position of Grand Cup Bearer at his Coronation. Members of this family were Rulers in Germany, Switzerland and Italy, as heads of the Holy Roman Empire, from 1137 to 1254. "Stauffer" was the name given to the head of the family. Seven Stauffers were Emperors, namely:

Conrad III.....	1137—1152
Frederic I.....	1152—1190
	(Barbarossa)
Heinric VI.....	1190—1197
Philip.....	1197—1208
Otho IV.....	1208—1212
Frederic II.....	1212—1250
Conrad IV.....	1250—1254

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After an interval of about four hundred years, we take up the genealogical sketch of *Abraham Stauffer*, later Stouffer, who came from Pennsylvania to Canada, A.D. 1804.

We have been able to trace back his ancestry five generations, to Daniel Stauffer, who was born in Switzerland, A.D. 1630.

This sketch also traces his descendants to the present date, August 1, 1918, and includes five generations and a few of the sixth and seventh generations.

On account of the family having become so numerous, it is not thought wise to attempt giving the names, dates of birth, marriage and death of any beyond the third and fourth generation. After that, only the numbers in each family are given. Any family, commencing with these records, will be able to trace their own genealogy, if they so desire.

## EXPLANATION ABOUT THE NAME.

No doubt "Stauffer" is the original and correct way of spelling the name, and not "Stouffer," as was adopted by our forefathers who are concerned in this sketch. The Government, wishing to do honor to the first settlers in that locality, when naming the Post Office, abbreviated the name and called the place Stouffville—as they thought, better to accord with the English language—which accounts for the change. Because of the age and importance of the present town, it would be difficult for those who have remained in the vicinity of the old town to revert to the former name, though some, who years ago moved away and settled in other parts, have done so. It, however, does seem a pity that the name was ever changed from the original.



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This explanation seems necessary in order that the younger generations may know that, though slightly different in the spelling of the name, we are still one and the same people.

This little sketch is divided into two parts.

Part I. commences with Daniel Stauffer in A.D. 1630, and ends with the immigration of Abraham Stauffer to Canada in 1804.

We are greatly indebted to Edward Stouffer, of the fourth generation of Canadians, who is now living in New York, a son of Christian Stouffer, of Stouffville, Ontario, for his painstaking research into the history of the family, as contained in Part I.

To Christian M. Stouffer, of the fourth generation, also a son of Christian Stouffer, of Stouffville, we express our appreciation and thanks for the mechanical share of the work done at his printing establishment in Toronto, and also for procuring the Coat of Arms and family crest—shown in the booklet—which is suggestive of the influential position occupied by the family in olden times. While we in our day do not place very much importance on titles of that description, yet, in those times, to be the Cup Bearer of a King or Emperor was looked upon as quite a distinction.

Part II. is undertaken by myself. I am now living in Toronto, although until eleven years ago I was a resident of the old town of Stouffville.

We thank all who have contributed towards making this sketch as complete as possible under the circumstances, and trust it will be a source of information and satisfaction to the whole numerous family.

DAVID STOUFFER

(Of the III. Generation).



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# A GENEALOGICAL ACCOUNT

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OF THE

STOUFFVILLE BRANCH  
OF THE STOUFFER FAMILY  
FROM A.D. 1630 TO 1804

## PART I.

The family name "Stauffer" came from the Canton of Berne, Switzerland, and was originally a title of an official position, "The Cup Man or Cup Bearer." This title became a family name, descending from father to son. There are many of this name now in the Canton of Berne and throughout Switzerland and also in Germany.

We commence our record with Daniel Stauffer, who was born in Thun, a town in Switzerland, at the head of Lake Thun, in A.D. 1630.

It is not known when or to whom he was married. Hans Stauffer, who was a son of Daniel, started for America 1709. The evidence goes to show that Hans, with his wife and three sons, Jacob, Daniel and Henry, and one married daughter, arrived in Philadelphia in the summer of 1710. Where Hans first settled is uncertain, but on December 31, 1712, his eldest son, Jacob, bought from Samuel Powell, of Philadelphia, five hundred acres of land on the west branch of Perkiomen Creek, in what is now Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

His third son, Henry, married Magdalena Hess, to whom were born eleven children.

Abraham being the sixth child of Henry.

The records of this Abraham tell us that he, with his two sons-in-law, Metz and Shetter, bought a large tract of land, out of which they made three farms, about a mile east of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

Abraham built a flouring mill about 1793, which was operated by his direct descendants for ninety years, and from which the present Stauffertown received its name.

Abraham had six children. The fourth, Abraham, was born January 9, 1780, in Pennsylvania. He married Elizabeth Reesor. They came to Canada in 1804, bringing with them their two children, Christian and Elizabeth. He died October 27, 1857, at the home of his son Abraham, at Stouffville, Ontario. His wife, Elizabeth, died April 7, 1835, being 61 years of age.

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## PART II.

It may be of interest to our people, and to those who shall follow, to know that in 1802 Peter Reesor, 22 years of age, a brother-in-law of our revered grandfather, came to Canada on horseback, in order to investigate the prospect for settlement. He was favourably impressed, and made his arrangements for locating in the township of Markham, near what is now Cedar Grove. He returned to Toronto—then Little York—and was offered four hundred acres of land near the centre of the township of Whitchurch for his horse, saddle and bridle. Though not having seen the land, he accepted the offer, and returned the five hundred miles on foot to his home in Pennsylvania. Mr. Reesor then busied himself in making arrangements to emigrate to Canada, which the Reesors, Stouffers, and others did in 1804.

Their means of transport were four large, strong, canopied waggons, drawn by four and six horses to each wagon. These families brought their possessions through the trackless forests, in many places having to cut their way, fording rivers or making bridges over them, until, after six weeks of strenuous work and adventure, they arrived at their destination, to hew out of the forest their future homes.



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Peter Reesor and his people settled in Markham, on the western branch of the Duffin's Creek, where he built a saw mill, a grist mill and also farmed extensively.

Abraham Stouffer followed the same creek up about seven miles almost to its source, where he also built saw and grist mills and did farming.

These were days of hard work and many privations but they were a healthy, hardy, hopeful, honest race, and soon became prosperous and highly respected families.

They never regretted having settled in this country, and Canada is much the richer and in every way the better for having these and similar families make their homes here.

We may say that the motive which prompted our fathers to come to this country was their loyalty to Britain and their preference for her government and institutions. They were, therefore, part of the people called "United Empire Loyalists," an ancestry to be proud of.

As stated above, Abraham Stouffer and Elizabeth Reesor, his wife, with their two children, Christian and Elizabeth, came to Canada in 1804, and settled on 600 acres of land on the townline between the township of Markham and Whitchurch, County of York, then Upper Canada, being lot 35, Markham, 200 acres, and lots 1 and 2, Whitchurch, 400 acres, in the 9th concession—now the village of Stouffville.

From this small beginning in 1804 has come forth a numerous family, a great many of whom have gone to the various parts of our Dominion and some to the neighbouring states of America.

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A goodly number of the fourth and fifth generations have engaged in this terrible and almost world-wide war, some of whom have given their lives for the cause of liberty and truth, while others have been wounded, gassed and taken prisoners.

The occupation of our forefathers was principally farming. Some of their descendants have entered into professional, mechanical, industrial and business life.

In religion our grandparents were Mennonites, and some of their descendants still belong to that Church, but many of the later generations have become identified with other Churches, principally Methodist, Baptist, United Brethren and Presbyterian denominations.

So far as known, the whole connection has always taken a lively interest in all temperance and moral reform movements, and are delighted that in this year (1918) our Governments have given us such excellent legislation along these lines.

We revere the memory of those who preceded us and who met and overcame the physical and moral obstacles with such indomitable courage and strong faith. They have left the world much better than they found it, and given to us a goodly heritage. It is for the present and future generations to carry forward the work so well begun.

May we all have a share in the establishment of righteousness and peace on the earth—that "Righteousness which exalteth a nation," and that "Peace on earth and goodwill to men," of which the angels sang at the birth of the "Prince of Peace."



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# A GENEALOGICAL SKETCH

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OF THAT PART OF THE STOUFFER  
FAMILY WHO LOCATED IN WHAT  
IS NOW THE VILLAGE OF STOUFF-  
VILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF YORK,  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO,  
IN 1804.

## I. GENERATION

BEING

ABRAHAM and ELIZABETH STOUFFER  
referred to in the concluding sentences of

### PART I.

Whose Children were

Christian, Elizabeth, Abraham, John, Fanny,  
Jacob, and two who died in infancy.

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CHRISTIAN STOUFFER (*II. Generation*) was born in Pennsylvania January 17th, 1799; married Magdalena Ramer, of Markham, Ontario, April 15, 1823; died at Washington, Ontario, September 25th, 1868. His wife died April 2nd, 1888, aged nearly 92 years.

Their children were Elizabeth, Abraham, Jacob R., Martha, Christian, John R., Susan and Peter.

ELIZABETH STOUFFER (*III. Generation*) was born at Stouffville, Ontario, August 9th, 1824; married Adam Sherk February 15th, 1850, and died at Caledonia, Michigan, April 11th, 1887, aged 62 years 8 months and 2 days.

Her husband died at Cedar Springs, Mich., March 13th, 1899, aged 73 years and 21 days.

Their children were Angeline, Caroline, Franklin and Martha.

Franklin and Martha have died.

There are three grandchildren, all living.



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ABRAHAM STOUFFER (*III. Generation*) was born at Stouffville 1826; married Eliza Reynolds, 1849; died 1916. His wife died 1913.

Their children were: Wellington, Jennie, Maria, John (who died in 1900, aged 42), Roxa, and two others who died in infancy.

There are 22 grandchildren, of whom 4 have died, and 15 great grandchildren.

JACOB R. STOUFFER (*III. Generation*) was born at Stouffville August 8th, 1828; married Maria Sanborn, of Waterloo, Ontario, October 18th, 1853; died March 19th, 1914. His wife died August 1st, 1918, aged 91.

Their children are William, Nancy, Maggie, Samuel and Elizabeth, of whom Nancy is the only one living.

There are 23 grandchildren, of whom 4 have died. Great grandchildren 34, of whom 1 has died.

MARTHA STOUFFER (*III. Generation*) was born at Stouffville in August, 1831; married Amos Sherk August 24th, 1853; and died October 27th, 1873. Her husband died December 27th, 1909.

Their children are: Matilda, Maria, Albert, Amanda, Elizabeth, Reuben Gouder, Arvilla M., Ada Luella, and Edward, who died in infancy.

Grandchildren 26, of whom 6 have died.

Great grandchildren 10, all living.

CHRISTIAN STOUFFER (*III. Generation*) was born at Stouffville in December, 1832; married Rebecca Motheral October 26th, 1848; died December 23rd, 1866. His wife died May 3rd, 1916.

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To them were born 3 sons—Francis Ephraim and Albert.

Grandchildren 2—sons of Francis.

JOHN R. STOUFFER (*III. Generation*) was born at Stouffville February 3rd, 1836; married Mary Strome in 1856, who died May, 1873, leaving 6 children, viz.: Drusilla, Jared, Flora, Martha, Annie, and John W.

In 1874 John R. was married to Rosa Hughes, to whom 2 children were born—Alonzo and Clara.

There are 26 grandchildren, of whom 1 has died.

There are 5 great grandchildren.

John R. died December, 1916. His wife is still living.

SUSAN STOUFFER (*III. Generation*) was born at Stouffville July 24th, 1839; married Moses Brown January 26th, 1864; died May 17th, 1914. Her husband died January 15th, 1916.

To them were born Marietta, Eliza, Anna and Rosa, of whom Marietta and Rosa have died.

There are 9 grandchildren, all living.

Great grandchildren 13, all living.

PETER STOUFFER (*III. Generation*) was born at Stouffville August 11th, 1843; married Hannah Johnston November 29th, 1864, who died March 4th, 1917. Peter is still living.

To them were born Minnie and Alden.

There are 10 grandchildren, all living.

NOTE.—The above-mentioned family of Christian Stouffer, in the year 1848, sold their property in Stouffville to Edward Wheeler, and bought a

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beautiful farm near the village of Washington, in the County of Oxford, Ontario—then known as the Queen's Bush. It was then that this branch of the family changed the spelling of their name back to "Stauffer," the original and correct way.

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ELIZABETH STOUFFER (*II. Generation*) was born in Pennsylvania February 21st, 1803; married March 10th, 1823, to David Betzner, of West Flamboro, Ontario, who was the first white child born in Waterloo township. Elizabeth died March 4th, 1848. Her husband died March 16th, 1886, aged 85 years.

To them were born 1 daughter, who died at 3 years of age, and 5 sons—Samuel, Abraham, Jacob, David and John W.

SAMUEL BETZNER (*III. Generation*) was born at West Flamboro June 2nd, 1827; married Sarah Surerus December 29th, 1852; died December 1st, 1914. His wife died June 28th, 1904.

Their family consisted of: Wesley, Mary, Andrew, Emma and William, who died when 22 years of age.

There are 5 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

ABRAHAM BETZNER (*III. Generation*) was born at West Flamboro February 1st, 1829; married Ellen Beemer November 5th, 1850.

To them were born Elizabeth, Fanny, George and Joseph.

Mary Beemer Ward became his second wife May 31st, 1871. Ellen died January 21st, 1870.

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Abraham died November 9th, 1912. Mary, in her ninetieth year, is quite well and active.

There are 13 grandchildren, of whom 5 have died.

There are 25 great grandchildren and 2 great, great grandchildren.

JACOB BETZNER (*III. Generation*) was born at West Flamboro February 18th, 1831; married Lydia Clemons October 4th, 1852, who died December 4th, 1882, aged 52 years. His second wife is Mary Jones Green, who is still active at the age of 84. Jacob died March 13th, 1906.

Their children are David, William and Alice.

There are 8 grandchildren, 1 of whom has died.

Great grandchildren 9, of whom 1 has died.

DAVID BETZNER (*III. Generation*) was born at West Flamboro January 23rd, 1835; married Ann Marshall August 25th, 1857.

To them were born David and a daughter, who died in infancy.

Married for second wife Emma Halls, February 14th, 1883, to whom was born 1 daughter, Etta.

Grandchildren 4, and 1 great grandchild.

David died May 31st, 1906.

First wife died January 22nd, 1880.

Second wife died July 30th, 1916.

JOHN WEIR BETZNER (*III. Generation*) was born at West Flamboro October 1st, 1837; married Dorothy Jones January 19th, 1859; died November 1st, 1906. His wife died November 8th, 1903.

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To them were born Rachel Elizabeth, George, David, John Abram, and Albert Edward.

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ABRAHAM STOUFFER (*II. Generation*) was the first child of the family born in Canada, May 13th, 1806; married Esther Lehman February 19th, 1828; died at Stouffville, January 16th, 1878. His wife died January 7th, 1881, aged 78 years, 3 months and 7 days.

To them were born John, Abraham, Samuel, Jacob, Elizabeth, Christian, Hannah (who died in infancy), David and Simeon.

JOHN STOUFFER (*III. Generation*), born at Stouffville December 17th, 1828; married Sarah Hare October 2nd, 1851; died in Michigan, September 16th, 1906. His wife died November 25th, 1890.

Their family consists of Matilda, Elias, Aaron, John, Esther, Sarah and Bertha. All living except Aaron, who died February 2nd, 1891, aged 32, and Mary, in infancy.

Grandchildren 28, of whom 9 have died

Great grandchildren 12.

ABRAHAM STOUFFER (*III. Generation*), born at Stouffville April 4th, 1830; married Elizabeth Sherk October 14th, 1852; died June 4th, 1909. His wife died June 14th, 1915.

Their family consists of: Christina, Fannie, Elizabeth, Noah, Esther (who died in infancy), Adeline, Mary Ann, Josephine, Martha and Abraham S.

Grandchildren 30, of whom 2 have died.

Great grandchildren 9, of whom 1 has died.



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SAMUEL STOUFFER (*III. Generation*), born in Stouffville August 30th, 1832; married Lavilla Woolman, May 9th, 1854; died May 18th, 1915. His wife is active at age of 88 years.

Their family consists of Eli Abraham, Hannah, Elizabeth, Esther, Matilda and Lavilla, and two who died in infancy.

Grandchildren 19, of whom 4 have died.

Great grandchildren 28.

JACOB STOUFFER (*III. Generation*), born at Stouffville, November 1st, 1834; married Anna Reesor May 13th, 1856. Active at age 83. His wife died September 25th, 1910.

To them were born: Keturah, Franklin, David Wesley, Abraham, Mary, Isaac, Flavius, Esther and Clayton.

There are 27 grandchildren, of whom 3 have died. One great grandchild.

ELIZABETH STOUFFER (*III. Generation*), born in Stouffville May 13th, 1837; married David Wideman May 8th, 1856, who died November 11th, 1867 aged 33; married again to Henry Woodburn November 11th, 1875, who died February 14th, 1915.

Their family consists of Esther, Abraham Henry (who died in infancy), Jacob and Edward.

There are 9 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren, of whom 1 has died.

CHRISTIAN STOUFFER (*III. Generation*), born at Stouffville May 5th, 1839; married Jane Macklem, June 5th, 1862 who died January 18th, 1913.

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To them were born: Wellington, Andrew, Thomas Abraham, Edward, Esther Jane, Alberta, Christian M., and David L. All living except Thomas Abraham, who died April 5th, 1917, aged 51.

There are 12 grandchildren, 2 of whom have died.  
There are 12 great grandchildren.

DAVID STOUFFER (*III. Generation*) was born at Stouffville January 20th, 1844; married Ellen Parsons October 10th, 1867, who died September 20th, 1888. Married Mary Revis February 12th 1890, who died May 4th, 1893.

To whom was born Revis Parsons Stouffer, March 24th, 1891.

On June 6th, 1907, he married Margaret Ann Stephenson.

SIMEON STOUFFER (*III. Generation*) was born in Stouffville May 9th, 1846; married Sarah Webb March 30th, 1868.

Their family consists of Laura Augusta, Luella Root, Mary Jane and Frederick Wolseley.

They have 9 grandchildren, 2 of whom have died.

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JOHN STOUFFER (*II. Generation*) was born in Stouffville about 1808; married Anna Amelia Peterson.

Their family consists of two daughters, Maria and Fanny.

John Stouffer died when yet a young man. His widow married Henry Pingle. She died July 15th, 1890, aged 78 years.

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MARIA STOUFFER (*III. Generation*) was born in Stouffville in 1835; married to William Pingle, of Markham, June 1st, 1854.

To them were born Theodore William Pingle, Harry Walter Pingle and Frederick William Pingle. William Pingle died about 1868. Maria Stouffer Pingle afterwards married Mr. Kennedy. She died January 17th, 1895.

FANNY STOUFFER (*III. Generation*) was born in Stouffville in 1838; died February 13th, 1849.

THEODORE WILLIAM PINGLE (*IV. Generation*), born October 28th, 1855; died April 30th, 1890; not married.

HARRY WALTER PINGLE (*IV. Generation*), born May 4th, 1857; married Alice Ann Dalziel, May 23rd, 1883.

Their children are: William Cecil Pingle and Percival Harry Pingle, both of whom died in childhood; also Clara Louise Pingle, born February 25th, 1888, and Frank Choate Pingle, born January 14th, 1899.

Harry Walter Pingle died in Buffalo, N.Y., January 5th, 1918.

FREDERICK WILLIAM PINGLE (*IV. Generation*), born November 6th, 1859; died November 17th, 1902; not married.

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FANNY STOUFFER (*II. Generation*) was born in Stouffville in 1811; married Frederick Cheney, who died when yet a young man.

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On January 5th, 1854, she married David Betzner, of Flamboro, as his second wife, and she became the honored and beloved stepmother of her elder sister's five stalwart sons.

Mrs. Betzner died at Flamboro West February 23rd, 1881, in her 70th year. She had no children.

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JACOB STOUFFER (*II. Generation*), born in Stouffville, 1813; married Fannie Reesor 1836; died 1877. His wife died 1879.

To them were born Joseph, Frederick, David, Abraham, Esther, Samuel and John R.

Frederick died when a child; David died when about 13 years old.

JOSEPH STOUFFER (*III. Generation*) was born near Stouffville May 20th, 1837; married Frances Ramer in 1868.

They have a family of two—Mary Alice and Joseph Wesley.

Grandchildren 10, all living.

ABRAHAM STOUFFER (*III. Generation*) was born near Stouffville, March 25th, 1842; was married and had three children, 2 of whom have died, Maxwell only living.

ESTHER STOUFFER (*III. Generation*) was born near Stouffville December 4th, 1851; married Richard Skinner 1890. No children.

SAMUEL STOUFFER (*III. Generation*) was born near Stouffville in 1854; married Eliza Hoover, who died about 1912.

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Their family consists of Etta, Wilmot, George Albert and Clayton. The latter died when about 15 years of age.

There are 3 grandchildren.

JOHN R. STOUFFER (*III. Generation*) was born near Stouffville about 1856; married Maria Snider about 1878.

Their family consists of Laura, Mabel, Lavina, Alice and Elmer living, and 1 who died in infancy.



## A SUMMARY

### OF THE

NUMBER OF THE VARIOUS GENERATIONS  
INCLUDING THE HUSBANDS AND WIVES  
WHO HAVE MARRIED INTO THE FAMILY,  
COMMENCING WITH ABRAHAM AND ELIZ-  
ABETH STOUFFER, A.D. 1804.

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Generations	Total Number	Number who have died
I.      .      .      .	2	2
II.    .      .      .	14	14
III.    .      .      .	65	45
IV.    .      .      .	216	49
V.      .      .      .	358	44
VI.    .      .      .	174	3
VII.    .      .      .	2	0
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Grand Total      .      .	831	157
Less those who have died	157	
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Net Total, now living    .	674	

## A Bit of History

**A**FTER the fall of the Roman Empire in 476 A.D., the Dark Ages intervened, and the barbarians overran Western Europe until Christianized. Then, in 800 A.D., Charlemagne, having conquered France, Germany and Switzerland, was crowned by the Pope in Rome as first Holy Roman Emperor. This office passed from family to family by election, usually falling to great Teutonic landed families, not always by inheritance, or to eldest sons. It was not a German Empire over which they held sway, but embraced in theory all the Christian world, and was the successor of the old Roman Empire. Kings of England, France, etc., acknowledged in theory its suzerainty in temporal affairs, as they did that of the Pope in spiritual affairs. Its heads clashed with the Popes, their fields overlapping. The Popes used the smaller rulers, kings and barons, etc., in all countries against the emperors, undermining the papacy's only rivals to world dominion. The Empire's actual power declined after the Reformation to a shadow, which Napoleon I. declared non-existent in 1803, the then Archduke of Austria being the last of the line.

The Emperor Frederick I. (Barbarossa or Red Beard), a Hohenstauffen, became a fabled hero among Teutonic peoples, was famed as a soldier, and had much actual power. The next to last of the Hohenstauffen, Frederick II., an able man, lost spiritual standing and much political prestige through papal enmity.

Happily, Switzerland became detached from the Empire and from connection with oppressed mediæval Germany and oppressing modern Germany long before the Hohenzollerns or High Tollers or Taxers came to power.

The most famous account of that extinct but brilliant institution, the Holy Roman Empire, which in the Eighteenth Century it came to be regarded, in view of the rise of Prussia and Austria, "neither Holy nor Roman nor an Empire," is that of Viscount Bryce, entitled "The Holy Roman Empire," wherein tribute is paid the remarkable ability and interesting personality of several of the Hohenstauffen line.

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## Notes and Comments

Here is a question in "Mathematical Progression:" Work it out to your own satisfaction. If in 118 years the descendants of two persons number 674, how many descendants, at the same ratio, will there be, at the end of another 118 years, from 674 persons?

If in some cases the family dates are not as complete as we would like them, it is because the desired information was not forthcoming.

In a number of cases we received very full information of names and dates, even down to the fourth and fifth generations. We are very thankful for this willing response, but regret that we cannot find room beyond the third generation. This may be a disappointment to some.

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There is only one exception to the above rule, and the reason for this will be understood when you read the facts. It is the case of the family of John Stouffer, of the second generation, whose daughter Maria married Wm. Pingle. They had three sons. Theodore William and Frederick died unmarried. Harry Walter, the second son, married Alice Ann Dalziel, to whom were born four children, only two of whom—Clara Louise Pingle and Frank Choate Pingle—are living, neither of them as yet being married.

As by the aid of history we see that our family started out very auspiciously, and that to this day it has flourished and grown in a commendable way, so may it continue to grow in physical, intellectual and moral power, taking its full share of the activities and responsibilities of life, which make for the betterment of this world.

It would be a great satisfaction and joy to us all if we could, in this booklet, show the pictures of Abraham and Elizabeth Stouffer—the central figures in our family history, but in their day photographs were unknown.









